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REPLACEMENT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop - AF Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the final Office Action issued July 11, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following comments.

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Amendment in connection with the above identified U.S. Patent Application is being deposited with the United States Postal Service and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450 on February 178 2004. I hereby certify that this Amendment in connection with the above identified U.S. Patent Application is being deposited with the United